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3.	Additional Bench, Madras	1. Vice-Chairman	38 days
		2. Member-I	10 days
		3. Member-II	58 days
4.	Additional Bench, Calcutta.	1. Vice-Chairman	26 days
		2. Member-I	100 days

(ii) Period spent on Tour and Expenditure incurred therein in respect of Vice-Chairman and Members

Name of the Bench	Designation of the Officer	Period	Expenditure incurred
1. Principal Bench, New Delhi	Chairman	74 days	57,880
	Member-I	7 days	7,659
	Member-II	Nil	Nil
	Member-III	7 days	9,251
			74,790
2. Additional Bench Calcutta	Vice Chairman	76 days	35,836
	Member-I	17 days	7,169
	Member-II	20 days	8,910
			51,915
3. Additional Bench, Bombay	Vice-Chairman	8 days	43,929
	Members	67 days	
4. Additional Bench, Madras	Vice-Chairman	11 days	15,497
	Member-I	21 days	12,784
	Member-II	17 days	13,432
			41,713

Financial demand made by UN Trust Chairman for the welfare of child labour

6489. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.N. Trust Chairman has made any financial demand/financial assistance from Government regarding welfare of the present child labour of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and the decision, if any taken or likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excise Duty evasion by ITC

6490. SHRI J.S. RAJU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the evasion of Central Excise duty by M/s. ITC Limited amounting to Rs. 1300 crores pending adjudication before the Collector, Central Excise Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that Calcutta High Court has passed an order in favour of Director Anti-Evasion and thereafter the appeal filed by the ITC Limited; Calcutta was rejected by the Calcutta High Court;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the proceedings in the show cause noticle issued for evasion of Central Excise Duty to M/s. ITC Limited, Calcutta, pending adjudication before Central Excise, Delhi have progressed to considerable extent which will lead to confirmation of demand;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to recover the demands in the event of company stripping its assets by resorting to merger/creation of new company, as reported in the 'Economic Times' of 15th April, 1994;

(e) whether the marger would amount to avoidance of stringent action by Government in the event of demands being confirmed by Collector of Excise, Delhi; and

(f) whether Government would stop the stripping of its assets, and withdraw the permission given to ITC Limited if any, for the merger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that 12 Show Cause Notices involving an alleged evasion of Central Excise duty totally amounting to Rs. 1156.57 crores are pending adjudication before the Collector, Central Excise, Delhi in respect of M/s. ITC Limited and its job workers, referred to as "Outside Contract Manufacturers".

(b) It is a fact that Calcutta High Court has passed an order in favour of Director Anti-Evasion and thereafter the appeal filed by the ITC Limited, Calcutta, was rejected by the Calcutta High Court.

(c) to (f) The matter being sub-judice, can not be commented upon.

Private Sector Banks

6491. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow new banks in the private sector as part of liberalisation process;

(b) how many companies have fulfilled the necessary formalities and applied in the prescribed forms; and

(c) whether the response has been poor if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Under the provisions of Banking Regulation Act, 1949, permission for setting up of new banks in the private sector is granted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and not the Government. In the light of the recommendations of the Committee on the Financial System (Narasimham Committee), RBI have issued detailed guidelines in January, 1993 on entry of new private sector banks.

(b) and (c) RBI have so far received 27 applications in the prescribed form. Besides, 120 more references have been received by RBI indicating intention to start new banks in the private sector seeking to know the procedure for starting new bank, etc. These applicants have been supplied with copies of guidelines/prescribed application forms by the RBI.

Growth rate of Bank Deposits

6492. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate of bank deposits during the year 1993-94 has fallen considerably, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 7th April, 1994.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;